

REMARKS

Pursuant to this Preliminary Amendment, Claims 1, 13, and 19 have been amended. This Preliminary Amendment does not add new matter. Indeed, Applicants note for the record that the Board of Patent Appeals specifically noted that the claim limitation that is added herein was taught by the specification at page 4 (see Board's Decision mailed on October 21, 2003 in the parent of this continuation application). Applicants also respectfully submit that this limitation clearly places all of the claims in a condition for allowance. In addition, Applicants are submitting herewith an Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicants respectfully request an early and favorable examination of the above-identified patent application.

Respectfully submitted,


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